

It cheered mild Spenser, called from Faeryland
To struggle through dark ways; and, when a damp
Fell round the path of Milton, in his hand
The Thing became a trumpet; whence he blew
Soul-animating strains—alas, too few !

10. **Spenser.** Edmund Spenser, the author of the "Faerie Queene," was born in 1552, and died in 1599. His influence has been very marked upon English poetry.